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# marked for life?

An arrest record can make  
it pretty tough to find a job—  
but there's hope for  
a second chance  
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## To tape

Love him or hate him, you can catch former Chicago Sun-Times columnist Jay Mariotti's tapings of ESPN's "Around the Horn" at noon Monday through Friday at ESPN Zone (43 E. Ohio St.).

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**Tuesday's winner:** "I'm taking her to my favorite watering hole."  
—Marc Connolly



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Lackey

## Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to [dlhernandez@tribune.com](mailto:dlhernandez@tribune.com). For Wednesday, we have Sebastian Konior. Think he's a ringer for John Lackey? Text "**twin**" and the number of your opinion to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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**TODAY'S FORECAST**

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**19**

More sun, cold



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# The cheap get cheaper

### Associated Press

Amy VanDeventer always has been a cheapskate. The recession is taking her to new extremes.

Before the economy tanked, she still was wearing maternity clothes from her last pregnancy, clipping coupons and using hand-me-downs to dress her daughters, ages 2 and 3. Now, she's salvaging bagel scraps left on their plates for pizza toppings and cutting lotion bottles in half so she can scrape out the last drops.

If you thought those cheapskate friends and relatives couldn't pinch pennies any tighter, think again. They're going way beyond sharpening their coupon scissors, replacing already cheap store-brand fabric softener with vinegar and even making their own detergent. VanDeventer was drying her hair in front of a fan after her portable hair dryer broke—until her friends bought her a new one.

The recession is radically changing behavior among many different types of people, from the Wall Street bankers who are now waltzing into Wal-Mart for the first time to buy their groceries to teens who are now thumbing through the piles of status jeans at secondhand shops to save money. And experts say that such behavior could linger long after the economy recovers.

The trend is disturbing for merchants, who already are reeling from the sharp pullback by spenders. Such extreme miserly behavior could only worsen the decline in consumer spending.

"Frugal people are now looking at more ways not to spend money," said Lynnae McCoy, who runs a blog called **beingfrugal.net**, which attracts seasoned penny pinchers. In January, her site received 110,000 hits, up 30 percent from a year ago. What intrigued McCoy was the interest among frugal folks to save even more money by making their own detergent and other household goods.



Amy VanDeventer saves money any way she can—including cutting lotion bottles so she can scrape out every last bit. **AP**

### SQUEAKY CLEAN?

Who knew you could make household products such as detergent? Blogger Lynnae McCoy says it's not hard: mix Borax with a half-bar of soap, baking soda and its relative washing soda. "If you have vinegar, Dawn soap and baking soda, you can pretty much make any cleaning product," McCoy said.



Elizabeth Schomburg, a credit counselor from Roscoe, Ill., is now replacing store brand softener with vinegar in her laundry. The 31-year-old, who used to comb the 80 percent-

off sales racks, said she has stopped doing any "recreational buying."

"I am questioning every single purchase," she said.



## Chuckling the news

RedEye's news staff awoke this morning in a cold sweat, realizing it had made an egregious error: We forgot to acknowledge Chuck Norris' birthday Tuesday. And so, in belatedly acknowledging the miracle of his arrival (he wasn't born with feet, just boots, according to **chucknorrisfacts.com**), RedEye hereby Chuck Norrisifies the following news items from The Associated Press on his 69th birthday.

**Oil prices fell to around \$45 a barrel.** This is because much of the world now powers itself not with oil but with the body heat trapped in Chuck Norris' beard.

**New Jersey is considering a ban on smoking in all of Atlantic City's 11 casinos,** only after it was determined that installing Chuck Norris as a ventilation system would suck all the oxygen out of the room too.

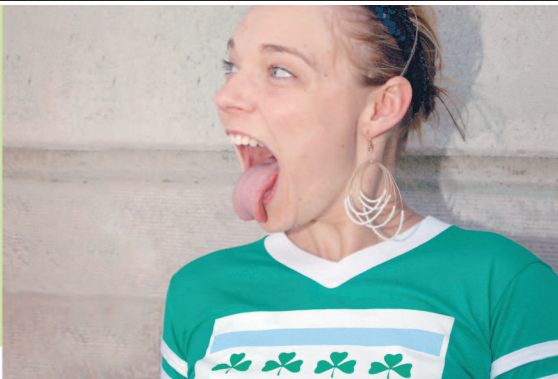
**Pope Benedict XVI is planning his first visit to the Holy Land in May.** The Holy Land is the second holiest place on Earth that is not a part of Chuck Norris' body.

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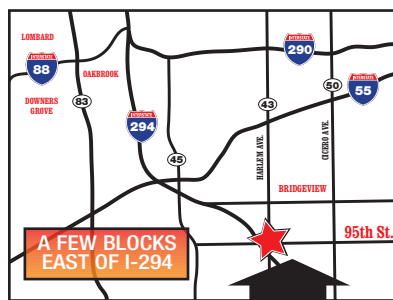
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# Viva la Vizsla? Not in Chicago

## Research dog breeds

Having adopted a Vizsla whose owners were unable to devote the time and attention she needed, I read with some concern the article about the breed growing in popularity in Chicago ("The Chicago dog," March 9 cover story). Vizslas are not ideal city dogs.

I love my Vizsla to bits; she is smart, silly, cuddly, sweet, beautiful, athletic and endlessly amusing but high-energy. Vizslas need to run freely, in wide-open spaces, regularly.

After reading this article, many people might want this incredible breed, only to find themselves unable to handle their energetic pups. I implore readers to fully research the breed before adopting. The shelters are already full of loving dogs who need families and may be better suited to city life. —DYANA FLANIGAN, 44, LAKEVIEW

## Don't hit send!

It is healthy to cathartically dispel the bad taste left by being given a pink slip ("So long, suckers," Feb. 24 cover story). You may find it cleansing to TYPE that vitriol-filled e-mail, but for the love of God, don't SEND it!

For its size, Chicago is a pretty small place, and you likely hope to find another job in your chosen field. It never benefits you to burn a professional bridge because a recommendation from your former boss or co-worker might just get your foot in the door of your next opportunity. —SARA HENKE, 34, ALBANY PARK

## Opportunity to educate

No one really knows what happened except Rihanna and Chris ("Stars: Get the heck off Brown's bandwagon," Kyra Kyles column, March 6). In a way I am glad this is out in the open, because it looks as though both Rihanna and Chris will need some help learning how to live happy and healthy lives. This is an opportunity to educate. I know the focus is on Chris because of the physical abuse, but there are more lessons to learn from this. You don't fight over text messages, phone calls, etc. You live a life of respect and love for yourself. —RENITA HOWARD, 47, HOMEWOOD

## The three S's

Women basically want the same thing men do: The three S's—sleep, sex and sandwiches. This is why we're thinking the same thing as men on our commute ("All aboard—it's the Love Train," Stephen Markley column, March 4). I'm no scientist, but I'm guessing it's because there is no better way than morning sex to start your day.

Who wants to think about deadlines, spreadsheets and the economy while on the ride to work when they can glance up and see the hottie who gets on at Southport and off at Merchandise Mart and have that "Risky Business"-type image in your head with said hottie for the rest of the train ride?

I don't know about you, but I choose sex over business meetings or conference calls every time. —KELLY NUTILE, 27, LAKEVIEW

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# 'I deserve another chance'

**Chicagoans with arrests struggle to land jobs—but there may be hope**

**By Kyra Kyles**  
REDEYE

Taisha Brownlee realized she would have to struggle to put her life back together after being released from federal prison last summer.

Brownlee wanted to re-enter the workforce, but after checking “yes” to a felony conviction on applications, the 37-year-old wondered if she would ever get a job.

“Employers were so high up and enthused about me until they saw my answer to that one question,” Brownlee, who lives in the South Suburbs, said of reaction to her nearly two-year sentence for drug conspiracy charges. “After a while, I got really discouraged.”

Brownlee got a job as a case manager at Westside Health Authority, a nonprofit that offers career assistance and re-entry support to ex-offenders. Now, Brownlee said, she helps others like her, who have a black mark on their records.

“I made a mistake,” Brownlee said. “I paid for it. I want to move on.”

But many more locals might also be paying a price professionally for less drastic past mistakes—even arrests in which the charges were dropped—career experts and local criminal attorneys told RedEye.

Criminal lawyer Tamara Holder said people assume she spends the brunt of her time working with convicted felons. But she has seen a spike in the number of twenty- and thirtysomething professionals coming to her for help with clearing their arrest records through the process of expungement, which effectively erases the record from law enforcement files.

Essentially, applicants file an appeal through the courthouse in the district where they were arrested. A judge makes the final decision, and successful applicants get their arrest records—including mug shots—returned, Holder said.

It’s worth it, especially now, to clear away any hint of a run-in with the law, said John Challenger, CEO of locally based workplace consultant Challenger, Gray and Christmas.

“Companies have a lot of people to choose from and fewer jobs to give them,” said Challenger, blaming the shrinking job market for the shift in employer attitude. “Even as far back as January 2007, employers might have given you a chance if your abilities outweighed whatever legal issue you had, especially if it was something done when you were young and reckless. But now, it’s just another way to weed job-seekers out.”

A number of Holder’s clients are contending with arrests from their college days, she said, citing busts for retail theft and marijuana possession among their common conundrums. Loop-based criminal attorney Robert Kerr, too, has noted that pattern.



“The clients I see are dealing with a college arrest for something like disorderly conduct that they never thought twice about until some employer calls it to their attention,” Kerr said of what he described as “young, white-collar professional” clients. “Then, they realize they need to do something about it if they can.”

Locals seeking expungement must go to one of the six district courthouses in the county in which charges were brought against them and file papers—and pay fees—to get the process started, Holder and Kerr said.

Odds appear in favor of expungement for applicants with qualifying misdemeanor arrests, according to data provided by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, which tracks expungements in the six county districts courthouses, including Markham, Skokie and Daley Plaza. Judges expunged approximately 81 percent of 11,800 considered requests for misdemeanor arrests last year, according to court data. In 2007, judges expunged approximately 82 percent of 8,987 considered misdemeanor arrest requests.

But you can’t take appropriate action unless you know you have a record, Holder said. She said you can access that information at computers within the six courthouses. If you were arrested in the city, Holder recommends also getting fingerprinted and run through the system at Chicago Police

## Pardon me?

For locals who have been convicted of a misdemeanor, expungement is not an option unless it comes from the governor, who also can pardon you. How likely is that? Not very high, according to statistics provided by Ken Tupy, a spokesman from the state’s Prisoner Review Board. Tupy cautioned that the number of requests granted also might reflect a backlog in processing and review.

2009	2008	2007
Requests: 124	Requests: 567	Requests: 623
Expungements: 2	Expungements: 67	Expungements: 3

headquarters at 3510 S. Michigan Ave. The fee is \$16, and turnaround for your fingerprint records is approximately four days, a representative from the police’s department of identification told RedEye.

That’s the scenario if you have been arrested and the charges were later dismissed or dropped. The rules change, however, if you actually have been convicted of a misdemeanor.

That limits your options to a sealing or partial suppression of your record, making it accessible only to law enforcement.





Tiffany Dziadkowiec, 28, has been trying to have a shoplifting misdemeanor removed from her record in order to get a job.

KATE DOUGHERTY FOR REDEYE

## Afraid of your record?

Are you afraid an old arrest will come back to haunt you on a background check? There are certain guidelines for record-clearing under Illinois law that can clue you in to your options if you were arrested in the state. These are provided by the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

**You may be eligible for expungement in scenarios including:**

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If you're not eligible for expungement, you could qualify for a sealing, or partial suppression of your record. Visit [state.il.us/defender](http://state.il.us/defender) for more options.



Pedro Menendez received assistance from Westside Health Authority in finding a job and putting his criminal past behind him. KATE DOUGHERTY FOR REDEYE

## 'You don't get a fair shake'

Logan Square's Vanessa Munoz understands why employers are reluctant to give ex-offenders a chance.

But what they may not realize is that when they reject someone with a criminal record, they are affecting that person's family at the same time, she said.

Munoz, 28, said she and her 8-year-old son are struggling financially because his father—her former boyfriend—Jesse Serrano, is unable to find a job because of a record including felony convictions in 1996 and 2002 for gun possession and aggravated battery.

"It takes a toll on me," Munoz said of Serrano's inability to get a job. "He owes a lot of child support, and without that help, I've had to cut my own health insurance and live check-to-check."

Munoz said Serrano, who injured his back in a labor-intensive position, hasn't had luck looking, a situation worsened by a DUI he was convicted of, and served time for, last April.

Serrano's is a situation in which many ex-offenders find themselves, particularly in a down economy, according to the director of the Westside Health Authority, which houses a prisoner re-entry program funded in part by the Illinois Department of Corrections and the Chicago Department of Human Services. The program added a job placement component in 2007 with just 23 participants. Last year, nearly 5,000 visited the center, program director Roger Ehmen told RedEye.

Among those visitors was Pedro

Menendez, a West Side resident who has served separate sentences for aggravated robbery and drug possession. Menendez, 39, spent nearly two years looking for a job after his latest release, he said.

Recently, Westside Health Authority helped land him one in customer service. Others aren't so lucky, said Menendez, who still volunteers at the center during his time off.

"You don't get a fair shake, especially in this economy," Menendez said.

Ehmen said the program is achieving successes like Menendez's in a down economy, but faces an uphill battle to find jobs for program participants.

"There is a set of employers who will not hire an ex-offender for any reason," Ehmen said. "Another set will do it if the person is seven years or more removed from the crime. The third set will hire anyone as long as they can do the work."

Ehmen is encouraged by what he called growth in that second set.

"Our society seems to be a little more open to correcting mistakes, especially with corporate bigwigs serving prison sentences and then being able to re-enter society," Ehmen said. "It gives me hope for the future."

Munoz said she hopes Serrano will find a job soon. Until then, Munoz considers herself stuck.

"I hear my friends complain about the economy, and I ask, 'Oh, you think this is bad?'" Munoz said. "I've been living this way for years." KYRA KYLES



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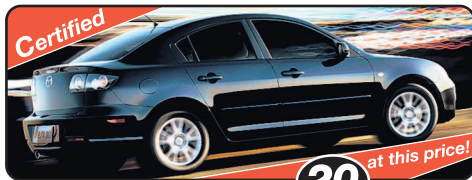


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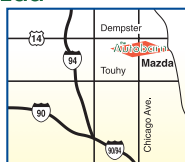
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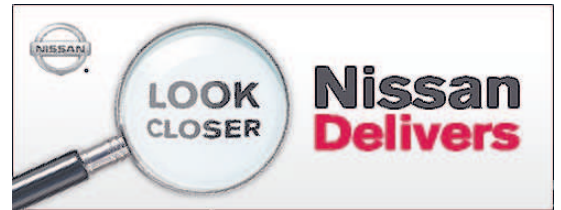
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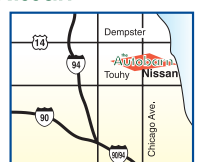
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# NUCLEAR STATE

## Radioactive fuel will remain in place after budget stalls storage site

### Chicago Tribune

In a pool of water just a football field away from Lake Michigan, about 1,000 tons of highly radioactive fuel from the scuttled Zion Nuclear Power Station is waiting for someplace else to spend a few thousand years.

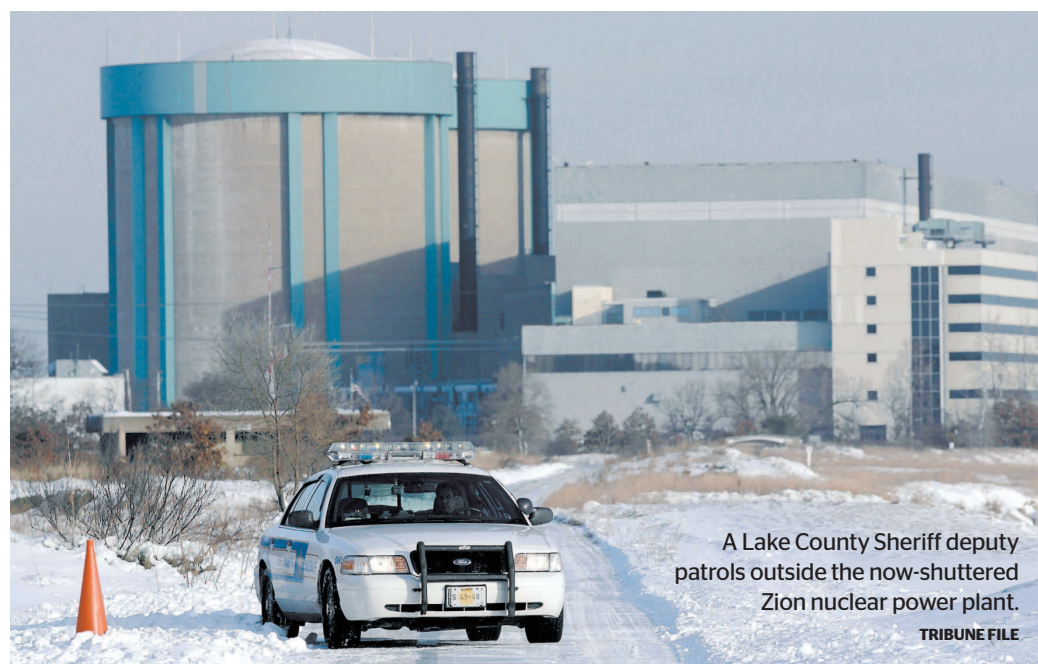
The wait just got longer.

President Obama's proposed budget all but kills the Yucca Mountain project, the controversial site where the U.S. nuclear industry's spent fuel rods were supposed to end up in permanent storage deep below the Nevada desert. There are no other plans in the works, meaning the waste for now will remain next to Zion and 104 other reactors scattered across the country.

Obama has said too many questions remain about whether storing waste at Yucca Mountain is safe, and his decision fulfills a campaign promise. But it also renews nagging questions about what to do with the radioactive waste steadily accumulating in 35 states.

Customers of ComEd and other nuclear utilities have shelled out \$10 billion to develop the Yucca Mountain site in spare-change-size charges tacked on to electric bills. Most of that money will have been wasted, and experts forecast that billions more will be spent on damage suits from utilities that counted on the federal government to come up with a permanent burial ground.

Reversing course from previous administrations satisfies critics in Nevada, including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, but triggers another round of maneuvering and regional bickering in



A Lake County Sheriff deputy patrols outside the now-shuttered Zion nuclear power plant.

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With seven nuclear plants, Illinois relies more heavily on nuclear power and has a larger stockpile of spent fuel than any other state. Besides Zion near Lake Michigan, plants storing waste are sited along the Illinois, Rock and Mississippi Rivers.

Congress.

"We are drifting toward a permanent policy of keeping extremely toxic waste next to the Great Lakes, and that cannot stand," said U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk (R-Ill.).

More than 57,000 tons of spent fuel rods already are stored next to reactors, just a few yards

away from containment buildings where they once generated nuclear-heated steam to drive massive electrical turbines. More than 7,100 tons are stored in Illinois, including at the Zion facility in Chicago's northern suburbs.

Until now, the solution was Yucca Mountain, a dusty mountain of volcanic rock about 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas that Congress chose in the late 1980s as a permanent repository. Federal officials spent the past two decades—and billions of dollars—preparing to bury spent fuel in a series of fortified tunnels drilled into the mountain in an area 10 times larger than the Loop.

Without further funding, the project will wind up as a very expensive hole in the ground.

## Peterson's attorney denies reports about Stacy

### Chicago Tribune

Drew Peterson's attorney Tuesday dismissed reports that Peterson had enlisted his stepbrother's help to dispose of his wife's body in 2007 and that Peterson had asked that same stepbrother whether he loved him enough to kill for him.

In his first public interview, Peterson's stepbrother, Thomas Morpheus this week told an area newspaper that he had helped Peterson move a blue barrel out of Peterson's house on the day that Peterson's wife, Stacy, disappeared. The Tribune previously had reported Morpheus's alleged role in the day's events.

But Morpheus also said that the day before the blue barrel incident, Drew Peterson asked him: "how much do you love me?" and "enough to kill for me?"

Peterson's attorney, Joel Brodsky, downplayed the significance of Morpheus's interview, saying that the man has a history of drug and alcohol abuse. Morpheus also has tried committing suicide, including an attempt in the days after Stacy Peterson vanished.

"A person like that has fantasies—they are delusional," Brodsky said. "They can create things for whatever reason, they can twist facts or circum-

stances to meet their own needs. So you can't really take a person like that at their word."

Morpheus could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Peterson, 55, a former Bolingbrook police sergeant, is the sole suspect in the disappearance of Stacy Peterson, who is his fourth wife, and was 23 at the time.

Authorities have called the case a "potential homicide," which has led them to re-investigate the mysterious death of Peterson's third wife, Kathleen Savio, who was found dead in a bathtub in 2004.

### Suspect in custody

An Oak Park bank was robbed Tuesday for the second time, and police believe both heists were pulled by the same suspects—one of whom is now in custody. An Oak Park police officer in an unmarked car spotted two men leaving the bank and heading to a nearby vehicle. That officer and an officer in a marked car followed the suspects' car into Chicago, where the three suspects bailed out in an alley. Police believe the other two suspects still at large were marked by the exploding dye pack.

### Plane slides off runway

A private passenger plane slid off a runway at Midway on Tuesday, officials said. There were three people aboard the aircraft, none of whom were injured, said Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford. The plane made a safe landing at about 3:45 p.m. and slid into a grassy area as it was exiting the runway to a taxi way, said Chicago Aviation Department spokesman Gregg Cunningham.

### 3 arrests at courthouse

The Cook County sheriff's police have made three arrests since last Friday when people tried to bring weapons, including a blade hidden inside a cane, and drugs into county courthouses. In all three cases, the people were caught by metal detectors at courthouse entrances, according to a release from the sheriff's office.



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## Festival attack

**1** A suicide bomber attacked government ministers leading a procession to mark a Muslim festival in Akuressa, Sri Lanka, on Tuesday, killing 14 people and severely wounding one of the officials. **AP**

## Suicide bomb

**2** A suicide bomber struck Sunni and Shiite tribal leaders touring an outdoor market after a reconciliation meeting in a Baghdad suburb Tuesday, killing up to 33 people in the second major attack in the capital area in three days. The U.S. blamed Al Qaeda.

## Madoff to plead guilty

**3** Disgraced financier Bernard Madoff unexpectedly revealed Tuesday that he will plead guilty to all charges—without a plea deal—and face a prison sentence of up to 150 years for swindling billions of dollars.

## Cruise ship assault reported

**4** A Princess Cruises employee has been charged with sexually assaulting a female passenger during a 14-day cruise from Florida to L.A. Jorge Teixeira was charged Tuesday in L.A. pending a Thursday hearing. An affidavit says a 42-year-old woman reported the assault.



## Sandstorm

**5** A blinding sandstorm swept through Kuwait and parts of Saudi Arabia—including the capital Riyadh (above)—on Tuesday, disrupting air traffic and oil exports. The storm raged for several hours. **AP**

## DIGIT

# \$410 billion

Amount of a spending bill the Senate gave final approval to on Tuesday, which will fund most of the federal government for the remainder of the year.

# 10 die in Alabama shootings

**6** A gunman went on a shooting spree in two neighboring south Alabama towns Tuesday, killing nine people before he shot himself at a metals plant, authorities said.

Police are investigating at least four separate shootings, all believed to be done by one gunman, whose name was not released, the Alabama Department of Safety said in a statement.

The shootings began late in the afternoon in Samson. The shooter killed five people in one home and one each in two other homes.

The gunman also shot at a state trooper's car, striking the vehicle seven times and wounding the trooper with broken glass.

He then killed someone at a Samson supply store and another person at a service station, the safety department said.

Police pursued him to Reliable Metal Products just north of Geneva, about a dozen miles southeast of Samson, where he fired an estimated 30 rounds. One of the bullets hit Geneva Police Chief Frankie Lindsey, who was saved by his bullet proof vest, the safety department said.

The statement says the gunman then went in the plant and shot himself.

The gunman had worked at Reliable Metal, said state Rep. Warren Beck, a Republican whose district includes Geneva.

"This is one of the most tragic events ever in Geneva County," he said.

State Sen. Harri Anne Smith, R-Slocomb, said some of those killed were sitting outside.

"He was just driving down the street shooting at people sitting on their porches," she said. "A family was just sitting on the porch and they were shot."

Reliable Metal Products makes grills and vents for heating and AC systems, mainly for hotels. A call to a person who answered the phone at the plant said no one could talk about the shooting.

The towns of Geneva and Samson are near the Florida border in southeast Alabama. Geneva's population is about 4,400 and Samson, 2,000.

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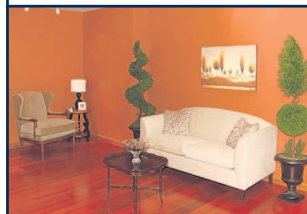
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### JON HAMM

1 Perhaps the hottest star in the field, everything seems to be going Hamm's way. If he can win a Golden Globe, a 10-lap celebrity race should be no problem.

### TYSON BECKFORD

The male supermodel should learn from Anna Kournikova: Sports and beauty don't often produce winning results.

### RAVEN-SYMONÉ

2 She's an actress. No, she's a singer. How about a racecar driver? Here's a new one for her: last place.

### TIM DALY

He's been in this race before, but this year he stars in “Private Practice,” a “Grey's Anatomy” spinoff. Racing and spinoffs don't mix.

### KEN BAKER

3 Well, hello, Mr. E! executive news editor. Just because you write about stars doesn't make you one.

### ADRIEN BRODY

Maybe he can pull aside the winner and give them a surprise kiss—even if it is Trebek.

### ALEX TREBEK

4 Answer: You should have stopped while you were ahead. Question: What will Trebek tell himself after he crashes out of the race?

### ERIC CLOSE

The “Without a Trace” star won't be missed when he disappears from the race.

### CARLOS MENCIA

You know what's funny, Carlos? A comedian doubling as a racer. You're the punchline.

### DANNY WAY

Let's hope this X Games winner brings along more than a skateboard.

### MARY LYNN RAJSKUB

5 Rajskub, a.k.a. Chloe O'Brian on “24,” starred in “Dude, Where's My Car?” That's not a good sign.

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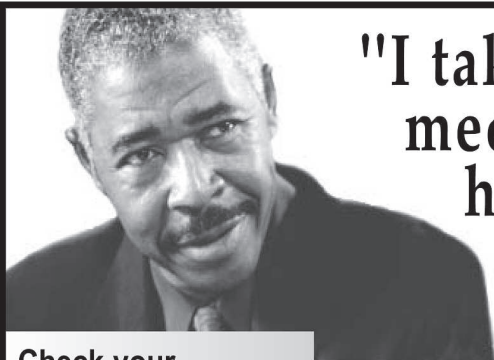


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<b>1</b> Come up with a way for the Blackhawks to break their losing streak.	Grow mustaches like Joel Quenneville.	Sew one of Bob Probert's teeth into the hem of each jersey.	Ask the Ottawa Senators for a bailout. Our team is broke.	I'm no hockey expert, but I think scoring more goals than the other team is a start.	I could look into diverting Carolina's flight. The FAA's database is WEAK!
<b>2</b> How will the Bulls cope without Luol Deng?	They'll play like they did against the Heat!	They'll watch "The Invisible Man" on DVD.	More laughs. We know you're British Luol, quit adding a "u" to your name.	No worse considering how he's played this year, Deng it!	I can just add his 14 points to the NBA's official box score. That should help.
<b>3</b> While in Orlando, which Bull is likely to end up working at Disney World?	Luol Deng would be a pro in the first aid office.	Tyrus Thomas' brain will feel right at home working at Space Mountain.	Derrick Rose as Briar Rose (Sleeping Beauty when there are no knives around).	Joakim Noah. I could definitely see him walking around in a Goofy costume.	Brad Miller at It's a Small World.
<b>4</b> Who are you betting on in the Iditarod Sled Dog Race?	What the heck is that?	My money's on doggie funeral directors having a banner day.	Rob Loveman. A lovelorn needs his loving everyday.	Air Bud. He's even on my fantasy dog sled team.	Tracy. She's as cold as ice.
<b>5</b> If you could vote off athletes like singers on "Idol," who would get your vote?	Clemens. He and Mindy McCready should go sing karaoke together.	Manny Ramirez. A quitter and a disgrace to baseball.	I don't think Ezequiel Astacio is more skilled at "she bangs" than William Hung.	A-Rod, for his poor "I'm sorry for all the 'roids" apology performance.	They're all getting replaced by machines soon anyhow, so who cares.



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Rich Harden pitched two shutout innings in his first Cactus League appearance during the Cubs' 8-1 win over the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday. » Kosuke Fukudome stopped by the Cubs' clubhouse before working out with Team Japan in Scottsdale. "He looks wonderful, in really good shape," manager Lou Piniella said. "I told him we're holding a spot for him. I'm going to put him out in center field, and I'm going to try him in the No. 2 hole in the lineup."



Quietly having a very good spring is 2007 first-round draft pick Aaron Poreda, who has allowed only five hits, no walks and two runs in seven innings. His 2.57 ERA puts him among Cactus League leaders. He can't crack the White Sox starting rotation, but his strong left arm could be used for long relief duty.

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ONE-LINERS

» David Beckham hurt his right ankle during practice with AC Milan on Tuesday, although the injury does not appear serious. » Federal authorities have found performance-enhancing substances on the materials Brian McNamee said he used to inject Roger Clemens, The New York Times reported Tuesday. » Michael Vick's house is still available after no one made an offer on the luxury home in suburban Atlanta at an auction Tuesday.

# Red-hot Hawks cooling off

The slumping Blackhawks and hot Vancouver Canucks have made things quite interesting in the fight for the No. 4 spot—and home-ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs—in the NHL's Western Conference.

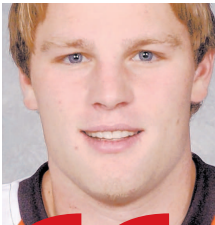
While the Hawks have stumbled, the Canucks have won 8 of 10 to narrow the gap to five points. The Hawks, who take on the Carolina Hurricanes on Wednesday night at the United Center, have one game in hand on the Canucks, whom they face March 29.

**“We’ve worked hard to be in this race, and we don’t want to have a setback cost us home ice,” Hawks winger Ben Eager said. “... We’re in a bit of a slump right now, but one game can change that. We’re going to start rolling here.”**

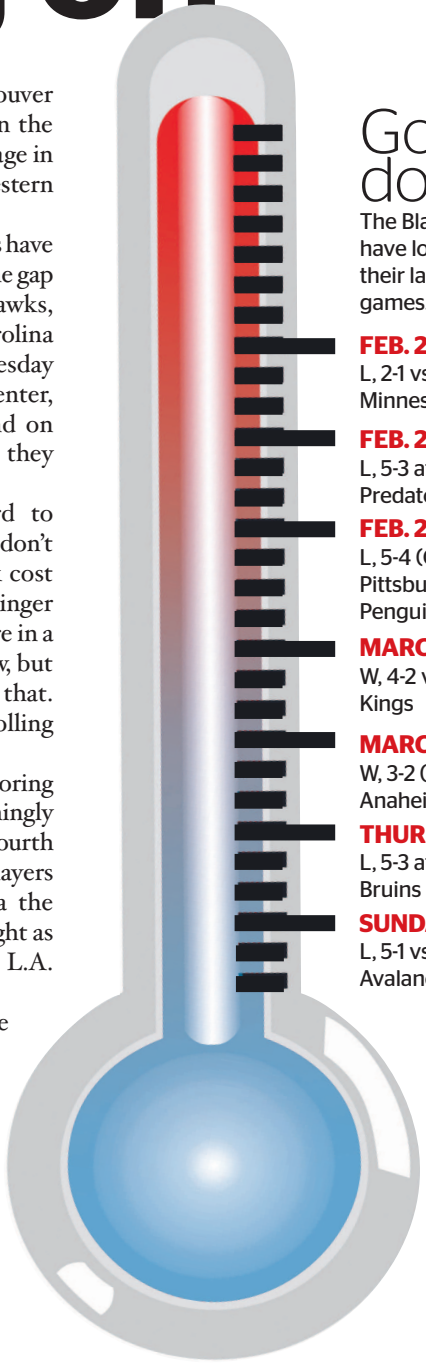
The Hawks aren’t ignoring the fact that their seemingly once-solid hold on the fourth spot is in peril. Many players watched on TV or via the Internet on Monday night as the Canucks fell to the L.A. Kings.

“We know they’re getting closer and that gap is a little tighter than we want it to be,” Hawks captain Jonathan Toews said. “In a lot of ways you can’t think about that. It’s something that’s going to add pressure to the way we play.”

“The second we start getting worried about stuff like that, we start forcing things. That’s when we are going to start changing the way we play, so we definitely don’t want to do that.”



**We’re in a bit of a slump right now, but one game can change that. We’re going to start rolling here.”**  
**BEN EAGER**  
Hawks winger



## Going down

The Blackhawks have lost five of their last seven games.

- FEB. 22**  
L, 2-1 vs. Minnesota Wild
- FEB. 24**  
L, 5-3 at Nashville Predators
- FEB. 27**  
L, 5-4 (OT) vs. Pittsburgh Penguins
- MARCH 1**  
W, 4-2 vs. L.A. Kings
- MARCH 3**  
W, 3-2 (OT) vs. Anaheim Ducks
- THURSDAY**  
L, 5-3 at Boston Bruins
- SUNDAY**  
L, 5-1 vs. Colorado Avalanche

## watch dog

**WHIZZER**  
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“Watchmen” is the biggest movie in America, but Watch Dog gets no such love. I thought every dog has his day? Well, I’m waiting for mine. Don’t tell me this RedEye gig is as good as it gets. Here now, my TV picks.

**NBA**  
**BULLS AT ORLANDO**  
6 P.M. WCiu  
Luol might be sidelined, but I don’t give a Deng!

**NHL**  
**BLACKHAWKS VS. CAROLINA**  
7:30 P.M. CSN  
The Hawks are riding a two-game losing steak. That’s bad.

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# Feeling lucky?

Your guide to celebrating St. Pat's all weekend long

By Lisa Arnett

St. Patrick's Day proper isn't till Tuesday, but don't make the mistake of waiting until then to celebrate. Thanks to the downtown parade Saturday and the South Side parade on Sunday, there's plenty of revelry to be had all weekend long. Here's our short list of where to strut your Irish stuff.

## MORE ONLINE!

Check out our St. Patrick's Day guide on [metromix.com](http://metromix.com) for St. Pat's parties through March 17, plus more details on this weekend's parades.



The Kerryman  
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**\$20** >> Breakfast buffet and green beer package at **The Pony**. 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. 1638 W. Belmont Ave. 773-828-5055.  
>> Kegs and eggs package at **McFadden's**. 7-9 a.m. Saturday. 1206 N. State Pkwy. 312-475-9450.  
>> Breakfast buffet and drink package at **Crossroads Public House**. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Tuesday. 2630 N. Clark St. 773-248-3900.

**\$40** Join in Saturday's **St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl Chicago** starting at House of Blues (329 N. Dearborn St.) for domestic beer and mixed drinks (9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.), then move on to two-hour stops at Spoon, Mix and The Coach House, where drink specials run \$3-\$5. Saturday. Reservations required by 5 p.m. Thursday. Tickets online: [stpattyscrawlchicago.com](http://stpattyscrawlchicago.com)

**\$120** If you have an immense capacity for beer, you may be able to make the most of the **St. Patrick's Day Bender**, a three-day drink package at Witt's. Includes a ticket for the bar's South Side Parade bus trip Saturday. Friday-Sunday. 2913 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-528-7032.

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## SATURDAY

3 spots to party near the downtown parade

### Bull & Bear

431 N. Wells St. 312-527-5973

9 a.m.-3 a.m. No cover

The only thing better than green beer? Green beer flowing from a tap at your very own table. This sports lounge not only opens early for the day, but it also declares a no-minimum, first-come, first-served policy for its five VIP booths, all outfitted with their own beer taps. Green Bud Light will cost you 30 cents per ounce at your booth or \$4 a draft at the bar. Order from a special brunch menu, served till noon. The first 500 bargoers score a Bull & Bear beer mug to use for the day.

### D4

345 E. Ohio St. 312-624-8385

9 a.m.-2 a.m. \$5 cover

To say a crowd is expected at this Streeterville pub would be an understatement. Case in point: The Trinity Irish Dancers were scheduled to perform but had to cancel for fear there'd be no room to dance. Sip on green bottles of Bud (\$6) and pints of Guinness and Smithwick's (\$6). If you're lucky enough to snag a table, fill up on fish and chips (\$14), corned beef sandwiches (\$10) or Irish stew (\$14).

### The Kerryman

661 N. Clark St. 312-335-8121

7 a.m.-2:30 a.m. No cover

A pint of green Miller Lite will cost you \$7 at this sprawling River North bar, but the location—and capacity for partiers—is tough to beat. Pack yourself in for all-day entertainment, including appearances by bagpipers, Irish dancers, musicians and face painters.

## SUNDAY

3 spots to party near the South Side Irish Parade

### Cork & Kerry

10614 S. Western Ave. 773-445-2675

10 a.m.-2 a.m. No cover

Lines start about 8:30 a.m. to get into this bar, which opens an hour before the parade's start at 11 a.m. Post-parade, Maggie Speaks plays in the beer garden (3 p.m.), where green beer by the pitcher is the expected drink of choice. Prices vary.

### Corrigan's Pub

3047 W. 111th St. 773-298-1315

11 a.m.-12 a.m. No cover

Thirsty? Grab your drinks from roving shot girls or beer tubs stocked with \$3.50 domestics. If you're not one for the ubiquitous corned beef and cabbage (\$12.99), snack on mini-Reuben sandwiches (\$5.99) or "Irish" egg rolls (\$2.99-\$5.99).

### Reggie's Music Joint

2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120

9 a.m.-3 a.m. No cover

If you want to escape the crowds swamping the streets of post-parade Beverly but still want to stay south of Roosevelt Road, Reggie's is the place. The bar's free trip to the parade doesn't require a reservation, so just show up (early, if you want to snag a seat) for a \$7 breakfast buffet before the bus departs (10:30 a.m.). Return around 3:30 p.m. for a full lineup of music, including soul-funk band the 409s, U.K. band Hey Negrita and rock bands Soraia and the Jagz. Sip on half-price Harp, Guinness and Smithwick's pints and \$3 bloody marys.





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## best bets

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## WEDNESDAY FREEBIE

### Free soup and bread

Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave.  
773-227-4433.

Soup season is almost over, so make a date to slurp before this weekly deal is licked. Local actors Guy Massey and Chicago Public Radio producer Robin Linn are among this week's guest chefs. Includes six varieties and Whole Foods bread. Goodwill donations benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository. 5 p.m. Through April 1.

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### Champagne Table

Rebar, 401 N. Wabash Ave. 312-588-8100.

Twice a month, Wednesdays are more bubbly thanks to the action on the mezzanine-level lounge at the Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago. Sommelier Steven Lee hosts a champagne tasting with pours from a different house each month. The kickoff includes five Moët & Chandon 3-ounce pours, including Moët Grand Vintage 2000, and appetizers. 5:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$20.

### Doc Films

Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, 1212 E. 59th St.

This week's movie highlights include the Coen brothers' 2003 comedy, "Intolerable Cruelty," starring George Clooney as a high-power divorce attorney and Catherine Zeta-Jones as a revenge-seeking gold digger. 7 and 9:15 p.m. On Friday, see Kevin Smith's 2008 comedy, "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," at 6:45, 9 and 11:15 p.m. **Cost:** \$5. 773-702-8575.

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### TCW's 'Chicago's Top 30 Singles' party

NV Penthouse Lounge, 116 W. Hubbard St.

Meet and mingle with 30 eligible singles recently featured in Today's Chicago Woman magazine during a benefit hosted by Megan Mawicke of WBBM-Ch. 2. Chat up local PR whiz Lindsay Hays, Berry Chill CEO Michael Farah and other honorees while indulging in appetizers and cocktails. Includes a silent auction, champagne toast and gift bags (while supplies last). 6 p.m. **Cost:** \$45-\$55. Proceeds benefit Today's Chicago Woman Foundation. 312-951-7600 ext. 107. Tickets: [tcwmag.com](http://tcwmag.com)

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### Irish beer tasting

Cafe Ciao, 939 W. Madison St. 312-850-2426.

Savor the flavor of something other than green beer at this tasting of six Irish ales, reds and stouts, including O'Hara's Irish Red and O'Hara's Irish Stout. Irish stew, fish 'n' chips and corned beef sandwiches are available for purchase. 6 p.m. **Cost:** \$13.

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### St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl Chicago

House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

Reserve your spot now for this River North pub crawl; registration closes at 5 p.m. Thursday. Start at House of Blues with DJ Titanic and an open bar until 1 p.m. Next, hit up **Spoon** (1240 N. Wells St.), **Mix** (2843 N. Halsted St.) and **The Coach House** (950 W. Wolfram St.) for \$3 domestic beers and more drink specials. 9:30 a.m. **Cost:** \$40. R.S.V.P.: [stpattyscrawlchicago.com](http://stpattyscrawlchicago.com)

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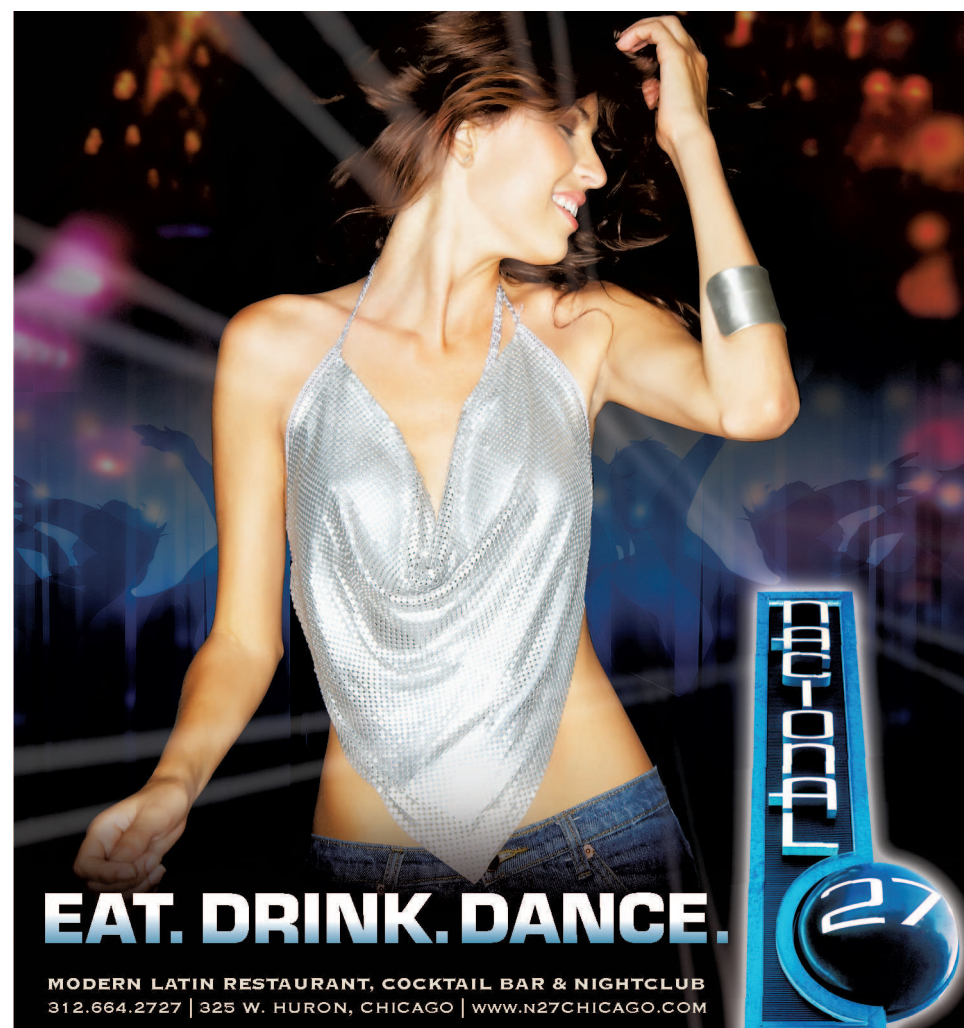
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A. Anytime I'm able to get on the bar and dance

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A. 9 years

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### DINE

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### MORTON'S

This clubby Loop spot goes all-out on parade day with a \$14.99 all-you-can-eat buffet of corned beef, boiled new potatoes, cabbage with carrots, soda bread, chocolate petit fours and key lime tarts. Green beers are yours for \$4 a pop. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. 65 E. Wacker Pl. 312-201-0410.



**Blue 13**  
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## Seven Deadly Sins dinner

You won't have time to get into trouble on Friday the 13th if you sit yourself down for a seven-course dinner at **Blue 13** (416 W. Ontario St. 312-787-1400). Chef Chris Curren prepares a Seven Deadly Sins tasting menu (\$77) for the occasion; expect dishes such as butternut squash pasta, scallops Rockefeller, steamed lobster claws and tuna with foie gras.

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#### BISTRO 110

Sun.: \$15 for a French-style chicken pot pie and dessert; 110 E. Pearson St. 312-266-3110.

#### C-HOUSE

4:30-7:30 p.m. Wed.: \$9 for two seafood tacos and a beer; Wed.-Fri.: \$16 two-course lunch; 166 E. Superior St. Affinia Chicago hotel. 312-523-0923.

#### CAFE SELMARIE

Wed.: Half-price wine bottles with entree purchase; 4 p.m. Thu.: \$20 three-course dinner; 4729 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-989-5595.

### CARNIVALE

Noon Sat.: Ceviche-making class. Sip mimosas while executive chef Mark Mendez demonstrates how to prepare guacamole and several types of ceviche during a two-hour lesson. \$25; 702 W. Fulton St. 312-850-5005.

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### THAI URBAN KITCHEN

Thu.: Free appetizer (\$6 or less value) with entree purchase; 500 W. Madison St., Ogilvy Transportation Center. 312-575-0266.

### TIPSYCAKE

11 a.m. Sun.: Basic Cake Decorating. Learn how to cut and fill a pre-made cake, then practice simple designs during this beginner's session. Take home the final creation. \$65. Registration: 312-546-4788, [givesugar.com](http://givesugar.com); 1043 N. California Ave. 312-546-4788.

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Week 4

## John and Jackie McCloskey

### Status: Newlyweds

Last week, this just-married couple from Andersonville wowed us with a whirlwind night out that included competitive Rummikub, Skee-Ball and turtle races, plus plenty of PBR and pizza along the way. They return for a second week to defend their title and their Irish pride.

**Food:** Irish-owned and -operated, **Irish Oak** (3511 N. Clark St. 773-935-6669) has a leg up on some of its Wrigleyville competition when it comes to authenticity, so that's where we started our day. We took advantage of the Saturday food and drink specials, ordering 20 25-cent hot wings and two \$3.50 Harp pints. **Total spent:** \$14.50, including tip

**Drinks:** After filling up in Wrigleyville, our first stop for drinks was **Trinity Bar** (2721 N. Halsted St. 773-880-9293), a tri-level Lincoln Park pub with a variety of great specials, including \$2.50 domestic bottles and pints (Saturdays) and \$3 Guinness pints and \$3 Jameson shots (daily). We settled on \$2 Bud Light bottles. **Total spent:** \$4.75, including tip

**Entertainment:** To help us get back to our Irish heritage, we paid a visit to the **Irish American Heritage Center** (4626 N. Knox Ave. 773-282-7035) to view the free "Irish Eyes" exhibit in the art gallery (1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through March). We considered sticking around for drinks at the center's Fifth Province Pub, but headed to Lincoln Park tavern **Paddy Long's** (1028 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-290-6988) for some Irish tunes and cheap drinks instead. We ended the night listening to a live Irish band and sipping from \$2.50 Iron City cans

while getting to know our neighbors at the bar, who surprised us with two Jameson shots. **Total spent:** \$5.75, including tip

**Best deal of the night:** Specials at Trinity Bar. This place has such an array of drink options and daily deals, anyone can find something on a budget.

**Total time elapsed:** 4.5 hours

**Grand total spent:** \$25

# Green machines

## They didn't have a pot o' gold, but our Deal Breakers still managed to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style

reader reviews

Metromix Deal Breakers Week 4: The St. Pat's challenge

With St. Patrick's Day less than a week away, we have visions of Guinness and Harp dancing in our heads. But experience tells us St. Pat's pints can add up fast. Of course, there always are ways to celebrate on the cheap. We tasked our Deal Breakers with finding them.

**The challenge:** Get primed for St Patrick's Day with an Irish-themed night on the town—and don't forget the beer.

## The winner:

**Matt and Colin. They came, they saw, they drank—and drank. Beer was a big part of this duo's strategy, and leading up to St. Pat's, that's the winning recipe.**

## Who's your favorite?

Next week, we're bringing back two fan favorites to try to topple our reigning champs. But we can't do it without your votes! Go to **metromix.com** now to vote for your fave from the past month. Polls close at noon Friday.

## Matt Reilly and Colin Hogan

### Status: Roommates

These two Lakeview guys have been roommates since their freshman year at the University of Maryland, and it seems to be working fine—they stuck together when they both moved to Chicago last year. Reilly's a grad student and Hogan's working as a tour guide while he takes classes at Second City, so thriftiness is a necessity. They're also both Irish-American, but is that enough to give them an edge over our reigning champs?

**Drinks:** Our night began at **Durkin's Tavern** (810 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-525-2515), a comfy Lincoln Park spot that offers \$3 U Call Its every Sunday. Naturally, we went for Guinness pints to start off our St. Patrick's-themed evening. Next we stopped by the **Hidden Shamrock** (2723 N. Halsted St. 773-883-0304), where there's a traditional Irish session every Sunday from 3-6 p.m. Several Irish musicians entertained with Celtic tunes while we downed two \$2 PBRs, Sunday's draft special.

**Total spent:** \$13, including tip

**Entertainment:** Our next stop was **Galway Bay Pub** (500 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-348-3750) for \$1.50 cans of PBR and a chance to relive our childhoods by playing Blades of Steel and NBA Jam on the pub's free Nintendo and Sega Genesis systems. After defeating Bowser in Super Mario Brothers, we made our way to another cozy pub with Galway in its name, **Galway Arms** (2442 N. Clark St.

773-472-5555), for another free Irish session, which takes place every Sunday at 9 p.m. **Total spent:** \$8, including tip

**Food:** To end our night, we made our way to **Wellington's Tavern** (1300 W. Wellington Ave. 773-524-1111) for cheap but filling \$1 burgers (available daily) and some free shuffleboard. **Total spent:** \$4, including tips

**Best deal of the night:** Drinks and games at Galway Bay. Cheap drinks and free nostalgic video games and darts make this small pub a great deal any day of the week.

**Total time elapsed:** 5.5 hours

**Grand total spent:** \$25





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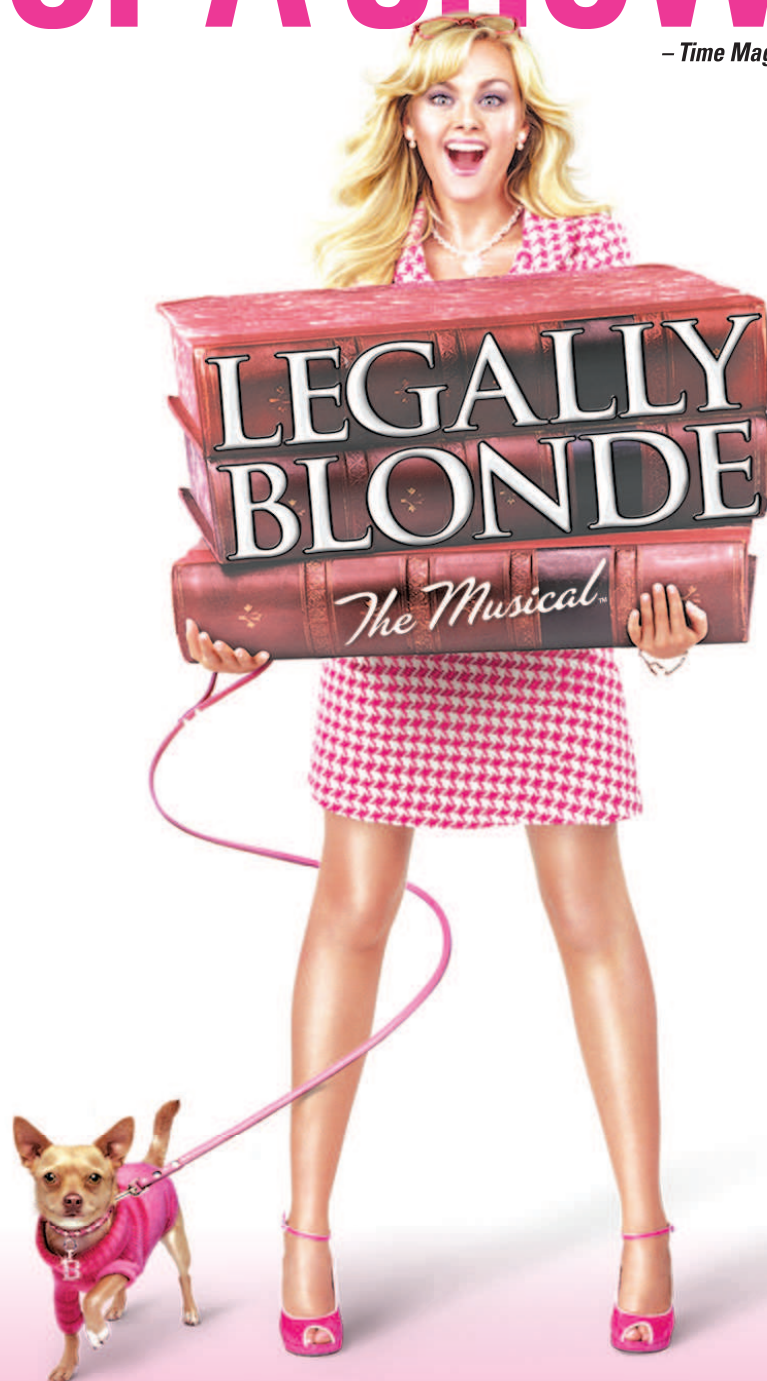


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Half-price appetizers 3-7 p.m.; 431 N. Wells St. 312-527-5973.

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#### CLINCHER'S

\$1.75 Bud bottles; 2101 W. 18th Place. 312-226-3970.

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\$2 High Life cans, \$5 Stoli cocktails, DJs spin 10 p.m. \$5; 1551 W. Division St. 773-235-9100.

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\$3.50 craft and import bottles; 426 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-549-5400.

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Wii Wednesdays. Free appetizers (6-8 p.m.), \$3 beers, \$5 Effen cocktails; 610 N. Rush St. 312-660-7200.

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\$3 domestic bottles, \$3 drafts, \$3 well drinks, \$3 Jameson shots, 30 cent jumbo wings (4-10 p.m.); 2265 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-1666.

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Half-price pizzas (after 5 p.m.), \$3 Moonshine drafts, \$5 Jack Daniel's and Finlandia cocktails, DJs Greg Bauer and John Curley spin. No cover; 1824 W. Division St. 773-862-8686.

### NIGHTCRAWLERS



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## Patty partyin'

Revelers got psyched for St. Patrick's Day a week early with bagpipers, dancing and a little feather-boia limbo at the annual **Forever Green** bash at Navy Pier on March 6. Check out our St. Patrick's Day Guide on [metromix.com](http://metromix.com) for the scoop on this weekend's parades, parties and more.







## Random Acts of Greatness

things we're loving this week

**1** The **Thursday night deal** at WestEnd (1326 W. Madison St. 312-981-7100), where the big-enough-to-share, 14-inch pizzas (normally \$14, plus \$1 per extra topping) are \$10. With unlimited toppings!

**2** Local singer-songwriter Anni Rossi's gorgeous, just-released "**Rockwell**." See her April 3 at Hideout (1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433).

**3** The **juicy burgers** with buttered buns at sports lounge Grand River (3032 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-9900). They're just \$5 (with cheese and tater tots) on Mondays.

**4** The sweet—yet strong—sazerac cocktail at **Spring** (2039 W. North Ave. 773-395-7100). The classic orange sipper, billed as the country's first cocktail, is made with Old Overholt rye whiskey, local absinthe from North Shore Distillery and Peychaud's bitters with a lemon twist (\$12).



**5** RedEye columnist Mark Bazer's "**The Interview Show**," a monthly event at the Hideout. We finally made the one-year anniversary show Friday, and found it equal parts funny and informative—and, generally speaking, excellent.

### Join the randomness!

What are you loving this week? Log onto **metromix.com** to send us your own Random Acts of Greatness.

### NICK'S BEER GARDEN

\$5 for a house shot and a select beer, \$5 well cocktails; 1516 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-1155.

### O'DONOVAN'S

Half-price select bottles of wine, \$5 Three Olives grape and cherry bombs and Korbel champagne cocktails, \$9.95 pasta dinner (4-10 p.m.); 2100 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-478-2100.

### THE ORIGINAL MOTHER'S

\$2 PBR cans, \$3 drafts, \$5 Kilo Kai cocktails, \$6 bombs; 26 W. Division St. 312-642-7251.

### PEOPLE LOUNGE

\$3 glasses of sangria, \$5 Sobieski and Svedka cocktails; 1560 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-9339.

### PLUSH

\$5 martinis and half-price appetizers; 1104 W. Madison St. 312-481-9800.

### POPS FOR CHAMPAGNE

37 percent discount on all food 3-7 p.m.; 601 N. State St. 312-266-7677.

### RANALLI'S ON CLARK

Half-price bottles of wine, \$2 off kabobs, Chicago-style sandwiches and pasta bowls; 2301 N. Clark St. 773-244-2300.

### RED KIVA

7 p.m. Chick Flicks. Watch "My Best Friend's Wedding" while snacking on free popcorn. Includes half-price bottles of wine and the chance to win a half-price beauty treatment at Kaya Day Spa. Guys welcome. No cover; 1108 W. Randolph St. 312-226-5577.

### ROCKS LINCOLN PARK

\$5 New Belgium bottles and burgers; 1301 W. Schubert Ave. 773-472-7738.

### SHEFFIELD'S

7 p.m. RUI: Reading Under the Influence. Features readings of both published and original selections from regular performers, as well as guest readers. Includes drink specials, trivia and giveaways. \$3; 3258 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-4989.

### SLAINTE

\$3 Labatt and Schlitz drafts, \$5 Jager bombs, open mic 10 p.m.; 2138 N. Halsted St. 773-348-3665.

### SOIREE

\$5 martinis, half-price appetizers; 2438 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-477-8880.

### SULLY'S HOUSE TAP ROOM AND GRILL

Wii Wednesdays. Half-price cheese or single-topping pizzas, \$12 domestic buckets; 1501 N. Dayton St. 312-929-2779.

### TOASTED OX

\$2 domestic bottles, \$3 you-call-its, \$5 chicken wraps; 2470 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-697-4752.

### TRADER TODD'S

\$2 bar menu (6-9 p.m.), \$3 drafts; 3216 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-975-8383.

### VICTORY LIQUORS

\$1 Miller Lite bottles, half-price burgers, karaoke 9 p.m.; 2610 N. Halsted St. 773-348-5600.

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# See ya, stage fright

Velvet Lounge's Fred Anderson overcame jitters to make his mark on Chicago jazz

**By Matt Pais**

About 60 years ago—and thanks to a friend's coercion—Fred Anderson got up on stage for the first time to play saxophone.

“I got up there and couldn't play a note,” Anderson recalls. “I was scared to death.”

The rest, of course, is history. The Louisiana-born, Chicago-raised tenor sax vet—who is celebrating his 80th birthday with a weeklong festival at his South Side jazz club, the Velvet Lounge—has been an integral part of Chicago's music scene since the '60s, thanks to his involvement with the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM), his prolific recordings and his free-wheeling performances. Since taking over the Velvet in '82

and starting live music there in '93, Anderson has made the club (formerly located on Indiana Avenue) one of the cornerstones of live Chicago jazz, with an emphasis on local musicians both young and old.

While hanging at the club, Anderson—a devoted Charlie Parker fan who still practices his craft for at least two hours a day—talked about the upcoming celebration and why he doesn't practice at home.

**What do you do when you're not playing or listening to music?**

*[Laughs]* Most of the time that's what I'm doing. If I'm not playing, I'm listening or I'm over here practicing.

**Why don't you practice at your apartment? Most people would love to live near a renowned jazz musician.**

No, no, man. It's just kinda annoying because you'd be trying to do certain little things and going over and over things. You could drive people crazy. *[Laughs]* It's not the best thing for somebody just listening. You don't be playing songs.



**Practice session with Fred Anderson (right)**  
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**Fred Anderson**  
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**Would you have said the same thing if you lived above Charlie Parker? “Practice somewhere else!”**

Charlie Parker had problems too, practicing. He drove the people crazy where he used to live, 'cause he was living in an apartment at one time down in Kansas City. And he said the people threatened to have him move because he always drove the people crazy with his practicing.

**So people only want to hear the good stuff at shows?**

Well, that's where the good stuff comes. If you don't [practice], the good stuff won't happen.

**What was going through your head that first time you were on stage?**

Man, wasn't nothing going through my head. *[Laughs]* I couldn't play at all. I froze. But I got over that pretty quick.

**Talk about the upcoming festival/birthday party.**

Everybody wants to do something for 80. A lot of musicians don't make it to 80. I got the Velvet, and we have to raise some money, sort of like a fundraiser too because the economy is so bad, and I guess it's affecting everybody, not excluding us. So we having problems too and just try to keep afloat.

**Understandably. What's special about jazz in Chicago?**

The musicians came to Chicago before they went to New York. Louis Armstrong was here before he went to New York, I think Charlie Parker was here before he went to New York. And Chicago's always been a thing for the music.

**You played the sax because that's what you found in the house when you were 12. How much different would life have been if you had found a kazoo?**

*[Laughs]* I don't know. Music was just a thing with me, man. I don't know where I got it from. I was just fascinated when I heard the be-bop guys. That music was just so fascinating. It just excited everybody in my neighborhood.

**Then you think you could have become a world-class kazoo player?**

I don't know about that. Saxophone has been my love for a long time. And that's the only horn that I play. I don't double on no other instrument. Because I found out that everybody that ever accomplished anything they did it on one horn.

**Has it been hard for people to see you as modest when you spent your whole life tooting your own horn?**

*[Laughs]* I never really thought about it, man. I just do what I do, that's all. I just do what I dreamed about, man. When I first started playing I dreamed that I would be in the same book that all these greats was in. The Jazz Encyclopedia, I'm in there. I'm in a lot of books now. I consider myself very fortunate to be in this position right now.

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**Kevin O'Donnell's May Spectacular**, Monday, May 4 (\$8, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Kick the McGee, Morglbi**, Wednesday, May 20 (\$12-\$15, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Singing in the Abbey**, Monday, April 6 (\$7, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Ulele!, Lovers in Arms**, Saturday, April 18 (\$10, 21+) at Martyrs'.

### On sale 10 a.m. Thursday

**Dave Matthews Band, Umphrey's McGee**, Saturday, July 18, Sunday, July 19 (\$40-\$75, all ages) at Alpine Valley Music Theatre, East Troy, Wis.

**Dave Matthews Band, Willie Nelson and Family**, Saturday, Sept. 26 (\$40-\$75, all ages) at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre.

### On sale 10 a.m. Friday

**The Lovehammers**, Friday, June 19 (\$20.50-\$23, all ages) at House of Blues.

### On sale noon Friday

**Gustafer Yellowgold's Show**, Saturday, May 16 (\$10, all ages) at Schubas.

**Loney Dear**, Saturday, May 9 (\$10, 21+) at Schubas.

**Pitchfork Music Festival (Built to Spill, The Jesus Lizard, The National, Yo La Tengo, others)**, Friday, July 17, Saturday, July 18, Sunday, July 19 (\$35-\$75, all ages) at Union Park.

**Von Iva, Sick of Sarah**, Tuesday, May 5 (\$8-\$10, 18+) at Schubas.

### On sale 10 a.m. Saturday

**Billy Joel and Elton John**, Thursday, July 16, Tuesday, July 21 (\$55-\$175, all ages) at Wrigley Field.

**Doves**, Friday, May 29 (\$25, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

**Guitars and Saxes**, Monday, June 15 (\$45-\$55, all ages) at Navy Pier's Skyline Stage.

**Mustard Plug**, Friday, May 1 (\$12, 17+) at Beat Kitchen.

### On sale noon Saturday

**A Camp**, Wednesday, June 3 (\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

**Alkaline Trio, Saves the Day**, Monday, April 20 (\$23-\$26, 18+), Tuesday, April 21 (\$23-\$26, all ages) at Metro.

**Brendan Moeller aka Beat Pharmacy, Echologist, DJ Lab, Kevin Reynolds, M50 vs Slow Children**, Wednesday, April 15 (\$5-\$10, 21+) at Smart Bar.

**edIT, DJ C + MC Zulu, Chris Widman**, Saturday, April 11 (\$10-\$12, 21+) at Smart Bar.

**Kaskade, Nate Manic, Greg Yuen and Paul Thomas**, Saturday, May 2 (\$12-\$15, 21+) at Smart Bar.

**Todd Kessler**, Thursday, May 28 (\$10, 21+) at Double Door.

**Kill Hannah**, Friday, May 29 (\$20, 21+) at Double Door.

**The Legendary Shack Shakers**, Sunday, May 31 (\$13-\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

**Local H**, Thursday, May 21 (\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

**Lucky Boys Confusion, Steve Ewing, The Victory Gins**, Sunday, May 24 (\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

**Nickelback, Hinder, Papa Roach**, Friday, Aug. 21 (\$29-\$83.50, all ages) at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre.

**Omah**, Sunday, April 5 (\$22.50, 21+) at Double Door.

**Peaches, Drums of Death**, Friday, May 22 (\$20-\$200, 18+) at Metro.

**Plain White T's**, Friday, May 8 (\$20, all ages) at Metro.

**Smoking Popes**, Friday, June 5 (\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

**This is Versailles, Cadillac Rope**, Wednesday, May 20 (\$5, 21+) at Double Door.

### On sale now

**Angus and Julia Stone**, Monday, April 13 (\$10, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Drake Bell**, Friday, May 1 (\$37.50, all ages) at Genesee Theatre, Waukegan, Saturday, May 2 (\$37.50, all ages) at Rialto Square Theatre, Joliet.

**MC Chris**, Friday, April 24 (\$12-\$14, all age) at Beat Kitchen.

**The Night Marchers**, Friday, April 24 (\$12-\$14, 17+) at Subterranean.

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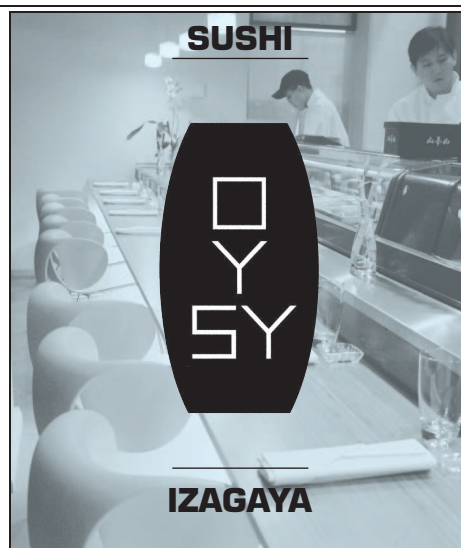
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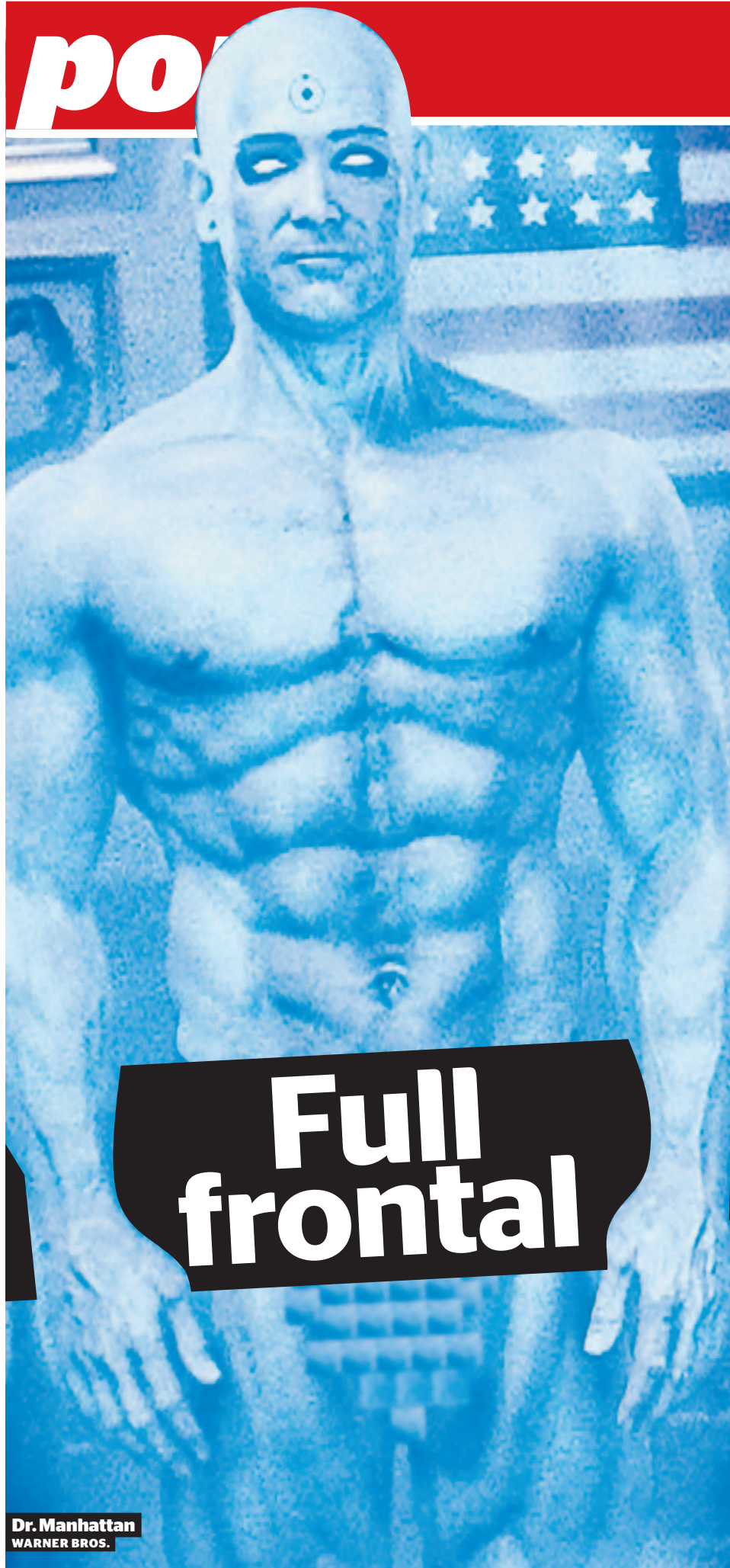
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### Viggo Mortensen

That "Eastern Promises" fight scene was violent and bloody, but many viewers swooned for a different reason.

### Jason Segel

He and Apatow gave us the funniest breakup scene ever in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall."



### The fat guy in 'Borat'

His name is Ken Davitian, and whatever they paid him wasn't enough.



### Kevin Bacon

There has to be a six-degrees joke about his shower scenes in "Wild Things."



### Michael Pitt

He bared all in "The Dreamers." How do you say "drop trou" in French?



### HONORABLE MEMBERS

» **Mark Wahlberg's** pride and joy in "Boogie Nights" is, indeed, a prosthetic.

» **Richard Gere** is credited as the first major male star to go nude, in "American Gigolo."

» After "The Piano" and "Bad Lieutenant," Hollywood joked that an independent film wasn't truly indie without showing **Harvey Keitel's** genitalia.

» **Bruce Willis'** swimming scene surfaces in the director's cut of "The Color of Night."

# dudity

In the new film "Watchmen," Billy Crudup lets it all hang out as the clothing-averse superhero Dr. Manhattan. Those glowing blue jumbies aren't actually Crudup's, but the computer-generated animation may be the most prolonged exhibitionism ever in an R-rated movie.

Although frontal nudity from Hollywood is typically female, Dr. Manhattan's privates aren't the first famous naughty parts seen on screen. Director Judd Apatow pledged in 2007 to show a penis in every one of his movies.

"America fears the penis, and that's something I'm going to help them get over," he told **hollywood.com**.

He seems to be sticking to his pledge (see "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story" and "Superbad"), as you'll see in this list of famous full-frontal males in movies. And these weren't tinted blue. **ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, REDEYE**



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This vibrant, uplifting documentary chronicles The Good Life, a South Central L.A. health food store-turned-MC mecca in the late '80s and '90s. Many underground MCs you may know—Chali 2NA of Jurassic 5 fame—and a gang of others you should memorize, recall that period of poetic promise. The film, directed by former Good Life MC Ava DuVernay, showcases performers who followed simple rules of spitting profanity-free, fresh and original rhymes. If only we could hold Soulja Boy to that standard.

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# Right wine makes pizza supreme

Whether it is deep dish or thin crust, Americans love their pizza and can't get enough of it. According to a survey done by Bolla Wines, 93 percent of Americans eat at least one pizza a month.

When it comes to pairing this comfort food with a beverage, many of us may reach for a cold can of beer, but a glass of wine can be equally delicious and satisfying. The trick to pairing wine with pizza is to first consider the sauce and then match the toppings.

White sauce-based pizzas are best paired with a light- to medium-bodied white wine that offers enough acidity to cut through the richness of the cheese, but the weight also must be in balance with the choice of toppings. Choose light and refreshing varietals such as sauvignon blanc or pinot grigio for vegetarian toppings: basil pesto, tomatoes and green peppers. Lighter whites also pair well with high-acid cheeses such as feta or goat cheese.

On the other hand, meatier, more assertively flavored toppings such as grilled chicken, smoked mozzarella and bacon can stand up to heavier white wines such as buttery chardonnay and aromatic viognier.

When it comes to pairing wines with red sauce-based pizza, I find red wines work best since the tangy flavor of the tomato sauce tends to overpower most white wines. The type and style is once again determined by the choice of toppings. For a simple pizza Margherita, I prefer light and juicy Italian reds such as barbera and valpolicella.

For meat toppings such as salami, pepperoni or sausage, you can turn up the volume a bit and go with more fruit-forward, robust selections such as nero d'avola, primitivo or aglianico. These ripe reds from Southern Italy not only stand up to rich meats but they also often taste of dried herbs, which marries perfectly with seasonings such as oregano, basil and fennel seeds.

### Here are a few wine and pizza pairing suggestions

#### Chicken & pesto—Antinori Campogrande Orvieto, Italy \$11

This pinot grigio doppelganger is a great match with the basil and garlic flavors of pesto.

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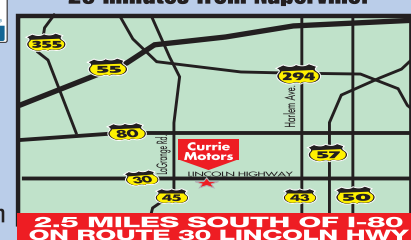
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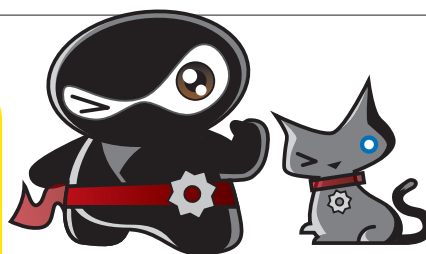
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## 5 questions for Craig Robinson

Chicago's Craig Robinson is best known as Darryl Philbin, warehouse supervisor, on "The Office," but he also has been in a string of recent comedies ("Pineapple Express," "Zack and Miri Make a Porno" and "Knocked Up"). In his latest movie, "Miss March" (opening Friday), Robinson plays an egocentric rapper with an unprintable name. (Hint: It refers to the anatomy of a horse.) Robinson—a native of North Beverly and a former schoolteacher—talked with us about his Chicago roots and his celebrity mug shot. **TRIBUNE**

**You have a master's in education and taught in Chicago and Indiana in the mid-1990s. Why move from teaching to comedy?**

Comedy kind of chose me. It was something I had to do, plain and simple. Teaching was awesome, and it made you a little crazy. It was great because I taught music at Horace Mann; I would do what my mother did pretty much. My mother used to teach music; she was my music teacher at Whitney Young High School, in fact. I would always have a Christmas program where the kids would sing. The parents loved it. I met some really, really talented kids. I would love to see what they are up to today.

**Tell me about how you dealt with talk-show host Spike Feresten's putting your arrest mug shot on TV the moment you sat down on his show.**

That was a "Really?" moment. [My mug shot] wasn't so bad.

**But are the felony drug charges (from an arrest last June) over with? Is all that behind you?**

Yes, I go to see this parole officer dude.

**Tell me about the reaction back home. Did you have to call home and tell your parents?**

You know, my brother ratted me out, so they knew already. That's always an intense moment. The support was overwhelming. "Are you OK?" That was the biggest question on everybody's mind. And yes, I am, thank you very much.

**Every Hollywood star seems to have one legal altercation.**

I've got my one. It's funny, there's so much you don't realize: Like if you go to jail on Friday, you ain't getting out until Monday. Luckily, I got caught on a Thursday. I got pulled over in a hotel parking lot. Everybody else gets six dead [prostitutes] in a Jacuzzi. And I'm like, "Oh great, this is my one? Really?"

***"Teaching was awesome, and it made you a little crazy. It was great because I taught music at Horace Mann. ... I would always have a Christmas program where the kids would sing. The parents loved it."***

—Craig Robinson on teaching in Chicago

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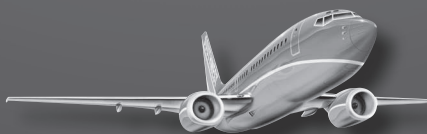
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# red hot



U2's Bono greets fans Tuesday in front of Metro before doing two radio shows. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/TRIBUNE

## U2 sits this one out

It was hardly a beautiful day in Chicago on Tuesday, but for a small crowd of invited guests, it was a pretty awesome night.

Even though U2, appearing at Metro as part of a promotional tour, didn't play a single song.

What the small crowd of invited guests got was U2 playing DJ, choosing tunes such as the Ramones' "I Wanna Be Sedated" (chosen by drummer Larry Mullen) and Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" (one of Bono's picks).

According to the Tribune, the Irish

foursome relaxed on leather couches and answered questions.

Perhaps Tribune music critic Greg Kot said it best: "It was over in an hour but it seemed like longer. Yes, U2 has a new album out. Yes, they're touring. And, yes, they should've brought their guitars."



**"Oh, my God! I totally know how you felt on 'The Bachelor.' Here you are watching your man with another woman and I felt that!"**

—Nancy O'Dell (left), injured "Dancing With the Stars" contestant, to [tvguide.com](http://tvguide.com) about watching replacement Melissa Rycroft and referencing Rycroft's "Bachelor" ordeal

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Estimated value of the drugs police confiscated this weekend at Phish's reunion show in Virginia, according to The Associated Press.

## Chris in at Kids' Choice

Nickelodeon said Tuesday it has no plans to remove Chris Brown as a nominee for its annual Kids' Choice Awards, despite the singer's felony charges for allegedly beating up his girlfriend Rihanna, according to The Associated Press. Meanwhile, E! Online reported that Brown and Rihanna have started recording a duet, but neither star's rep commented.

## Oops, she did it ...

So much for Brit's classy comeback. While on tour in Tampa, Spears experienced a, err, wardrobe malfunction with her high-cut leotard, the New York Daily News reports. Not only that, the pop princess' mic was still on when she went offstage and she unwittingly broadcast to the arena, "My [stuff] was hanging out!" prompting the audience to burst into laughter.

## 'Idol' surprise

"American Idol" ended with another shocker Tuesday: Ryan Seacrest said a rule change will alter the show. Last week, America was surprised when Anoop Desai became the lucky 13th finalist. On Tuesday, judge Simon Cowell said the latest change involves the judges. "I'm not sure whether the public are going to like this," he said. RedEye's guessing the judges will be allowed to overturn America's vote on Wednesday if they think the wrong person is sent home. Cowell and Seacrest would say only "tune in tomorrow."

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